



# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

*at a glance*



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In 1911, an area of 2,368 square kilometres was transferred to the Commonwealth of Australia by the State of New South Wales (NSW) to become the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). The city of Canberra, Australia's national capital, is located in the northern part of this area, 300 km south-west of Sydney and 650 km north-east of Melbourne by road. On 11 May 1989 self-government for the Territory was proclaimed.

The Eastern Standard Time is 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Of the six States and two Territories which comprise the Commonwealth of Australia, the ACT has the highest population density but it is the smallest State/Territory in area.

Symbols used in this brochure:

- p — preliminary
- n.a. — not available
- — includes Jervis Bay Territory

# ACT IN COMPARISON TO AUSTRALIA

Area	Unit	Period	ACT	Aust
	'000 sq km	—	2.4	7682.3

## Demography —

Estimated resident

population

'000 June 1994 300.9 17 843.3

Population growth rate

% June 1994 0.7 1.1

Births Per '000 mean pop.

1993 14.8 14.7

Deaths Per '000 mean pop.

1993 3.7 6.9

Marriages Per '000 mean pop.

1993 6.0 6.4

Divorces Per '000 mean pop.

1993 (a) 2.7

(a) Due to the large number of divorces granted in the ACT where the usual residence was in another state the rates for the ACT are not representative of the ACT population.

## Labour Force —

Employed persons

Ann. avg. 1993-94 152.7 7 780.6

Unemployed persons

Ann. avg. 1993-94 12.1 915.5

## Education —

Primary/Secondary

students

'000 1994 61.2 3 099.4

Technical & further

education students

'000 1993 16.9 1 211.4

Higher education students

'000 1994 20.2 585.4

## Earnings —

Average weekly

earnings

Avg. ord.  
time adult (\$) Aug 1994 714.4 620.0

## Manufacturing —

Persons employed

'000 1992-93 3.7 866.9

Turnover

\$m 1992-93 466 170 214

## Retail Trade —

Establishments

No. 1991-92 2 339 80 332

Turnover

\$m 1993-94 2 066.0 104 313

**Buildings —**

Building approvals	\$m	1993-94	726	26 759
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**Transport —**

New motor vehicle registered (excl. motor cycles)	'000	1993-94	12.2	574.3
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**Finance —**

Gross domestic product	\$m	1993-94	9 243	426 297
Gross domestic product per capita	\$	1993-94	30 718	22 254

**CLIMATE OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

(Lat.35 19'S, Long.149 11'E, Height above MSL 571 metres)

**Averages for 1994**

	<i>Air temperature (C)</i>		<i>Fog</i>	<i>Rain</i>	
	<i>max.</i>	<i>min.</i>	<i>days</i>	<i>days</i>	<i>mm</i>
January	28.6	11.9	1	3	9.2
April	20.6	6.1	2	5	70.4
July	13.2	-1.9	12	4	9.2
October	20.3	5.7	1	8	46.8

<b>Extremes</b>	<i>During 1994</i>	<i>Long Term</i>
*Air temperature — Hottest	39.1(C) (21 Dec)	42.2(C) (1.2.68)
— Coldest	-8.5(C) (9 Aug)	-10.0(C) (11.7.71)
*Rainfall — Highest in month	66.7mm (Dec)	312.2mm (Mar 1950)
— Lowest in month	2.0mm (Aug)	2.0mm (Aug 1994)
*Wind (km/hr) — Highest gust	113km/hr (6 Aug)	128km/hr (24.11.57)

# TIME SERIES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

AGRICULTURE		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Agricultural establishments	No.	74	82	p86
Area	Ha.	383	514	p245
Total area of crops (excl. pastures & grasses)	Ha.	24 119	17 495	p16 933
Gross value of production				
Crops (excl. pastures & grasses)	\$'000	3 268	p3 466	n.a.
Livestock				
Cattle and calves	No.	10 823	12 231	p10 921
Sheep and lambs	No.	108 471	101 243	p88 395
Poultry (all purposes)	No.	199 543	216 989	p200 750
Livestock products				
Meat				
Beef and veal (carcass weight)	Tonnes	p6 107	p6 336	7 415
Mutton and lamb (carcass weight)	Tonnes	p10 405	p10 853	10 308
Pigmeat (carcass weight)	Tonnes	p4 870	p5 526	5 494
Wool production				
Shorn wool, greasy	Tonnes	440	455	p395
Value of agricultural production				
Crops	\$'000	3 268	p3 466	n.a.
Livestock slaughterings	\$'000	2 152	p2 601	n.a.
Livestock products	\$'000	6 706	p5 947	n.a.
Total	\$'000	12 126	p12 014	n.a.
BUILDING		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Building approvals				
Houses	No.	2 164	2 443	1 679
Other residential	No.	1 620	1 896	2 381
Total	No.	3 784	4 339	4 060

**PRIVATE FINANCE****1991-92    1992-93    1993-94**

Bank deposits held as at

30 June

\$m    2 757    3 233    3 246

Lending commitments for

Housing finance for owner

occupation

\$m    774.6    1 098.8    1 315.3

Personal finance

\$m    418.2    154.0    506.1

Commercial finance

\$m    1 087.2    979.3    1 129.1

Lease finance

\$m    87.7    73.5    114.1

**PUBLIC FINANCE****1991-92    1992-93    p1993-94**

Current outlays

\$m    1 044    1 083    1 073

Final consumption expenditure

\$m    774    834    812

Interest payments

\$m    72    56    59

Other current outlays

\$m    197    193    203

Capital outlays

\$m    144    177    142

Gross fixed capital expenditure

\$m    188    227    178

Other capital outlays

\$m    -44    -50    -26

Revenue and grants received

\$m    1 199    1 243    1 178

Taxes, fees and fines

\$m    427    481    519

Grants from Commonwealth

Gov't

\$m    668    655    574

Other revenue

\$m    —    —    —

**RETAIL TRADE****1991-92    1992-93    1993-94***Turnover*

Food retailing

\$m    638.7    728.6    777.1

Department stores

\$m    257.2    275.3    278.3

Clothing and soft good retailing

\$m    144.3    152.7    155.8

Household good retailing

\$m    255.4    269.4    209.6

Recreational good retailing

\$m    91.9    103.5    128.1

Other retailing

\$m    151.6    163.1    179.4

Hospitality and services

\$m    362.5    308.3    337.7

**Total**

\$m    1 901.8    2 000.9    2 068.0

**STATE ACCOUNTS**

		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Gross State product	\$m	8 234	8 664	9 243
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	4 359	4 712	5 052
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	1 010	1 177	1 100

**TOURIST ACCOMMODATION**

1991-92 1992-93 1993-94

**Hotels, motels and guest houses  
(with facilities)**

Establishments at 30 June	No.	43	43	43
Guest rooms at 30 June	No.	3 549	3 545	3 530
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	61 693	64 028	69 584
Room occupancy rate	%	56.8	59.5	64.2

**Holiday flats and units**

Letting entities at 30 June	No.	15	15	16
Units at 30 June	No.	531	491	574
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	10 000	9 921	10 591
Unit occupancy rate	%	67.6	66.3	66.9

**Caravan Parks**

Establishments at 30 June	No.	n.a.	5	5
Sites at 30 June	No.	n.a.	1 074	1 074
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	n.a.	3 237	2 954
Site occupancy rate	%	n.a.	40.5	42.1

**TRANSPORT**

1991-92 1992-93 1993-94

**New motor vehicles registered**

Passenger motor vehicles	No.	10 229	9 384	10 871
Trucks	No.	136	131	132
Motor cycles	No.	321	243	197

**Motor vehicles on register**

Passenger motor vehicles	'000	145.2	146.8	155
Trucks	'000	3.1	3.4	3.6
Motor cycles	'000	4.8	4.8	4.9

Unemployment rate	per cent	7.9	6.9	6.4
Males	per cent	6.5	7.8	6.5
Females	per cent	9.5	5.9	6.3
Participation rate	per cent	71.2	72.3	72.1
Males	per cent	78.7	79.9	79.0
Females	per cent	64.1	65.2	65.5

MANUFACTURING		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Establishments	No.	224	272	242
Persons employed at 30 June	No.	3 584	3 752	3 752
Wages and Salaries	\$m	105	105	104
Turnover	\$m	463	479	466

PRICES, June		1992	1993	1994
Consumer Price Index (Canberra) Base: 1989-90=100.0				
All groups		107.9	110.3	112.0
Food		107.0	108.6	111.4
Clothing		106.6	108.1	106.7
Housing		99.9	100.4	99.3
Household equipment & operation		108.0	107.8	107.8
Transportation		111.3	114.8	117.8
Tobacco and alcohol		113.4	125.2	132.2
Health and personal care		118.3	124.4	129.0
Recreation and education		107.0	109.4	112.0

Average retail prices (cents)				
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	95	100	105
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket	750g	153	161	167
Rump steak	1kg	1 052	1 009	1 072
Coffee	150g jar	425	396	432
Petrol, leaded	1 litre	71.7	73.2	71.9
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	n.a.	n.a.	70.9

Completions				
New residential	\$m	295.3	414.7	346.4
Alterations & additions to residential	\$m	50.5	61.1	66.8
Non residential	\$m	465.1	350.1	167.4

Value of work done during period				
New residential	\$m	327.6	388.5	374.2
Alterations & additions to residential	\$m	57.4	59.1	67.6
Non residential	\$m	333.3	257.8	260.5

<b>DEMOGRAPHY</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>
Estimated resident population as at 30 June				
Total persons	'000	294.5	298.9	300.9
Males	'000	147.5	150.1	151.4
Females	'000	146.9	148.8	149.5

By statistical sub-division as at 30 June				
Canberra Central	'000	60.6	60.1	59.5
Balconnen	'000	89.2	88.3	87.6
Woden Valley	'000	34.0	33.8	33.4
Weston Creek	'000	26.7	26.3	25.8
Tuggerong	'000	80.3	84.7	87.0
Outer Canberra	'000	2.4	4.9	7.3
ACT Balance	'000	0.4	0.4	0.4

By age group				
0-14 years	'000	676	67.3	66.7
15-19 years	'000	26.5	25.7	24.8
20-59 years	'000	172.4	177.1	180.5
60-64 years	'000	8.3	8.3	8.3
65 years and over	'000	18.7	19.9	20.7

Vital events registered —				
Births	No.	4 756	4 447	4 414
Deaths	No.	605	578	632
Infant deaths	No.	36	28	19
Marriages(a)	No.	1 886	1 791	1 783
Divorces(a)(b)	No.	1 970	1 875	2 061

Rate per 1,000 mean ERP, 30 June

Births	No.	16.5	15.1	14.8
Deaths	No.	3.8	3.7	3.7
Marriages	No.	6.5	6.1	6.0
Divorces	No.	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) ACT data may include some marriages and divorces of persons usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory. (b) Due to the large number of divorces granted in the ACT where the usual residence was in another state the rates for the ACT are not representative of the ACT population.

**EARNINGS AND INCOME, August**

		1992	1993	1994
Average weekly earnings				
Full-time adult ordinary time	\$	672.9	695.8	714.4
Full-time adult males	\$	732.9	751.4	777.7
Full-time adult females	\$	584.1	618.8	630.9

**EDUCATION**

		1992	1993	1994
Schools				
Pre-school centres	No.	77	82	84
Government	No.	95	95	96
Non-government	No.	38	39	41
Higher Education	No.	3	3	3
TAFE(a)	No.	9	9	9
Teaching Staff (full-time equivalent)				
Government	No.	2 741	2 847	2 881
Non-government	No.	1 248	1 256	1 282
Students				
Pre-school centres	No.	4 286	4 410	4 453
Government	No.	41 094	40 492	40 163
Non-government	No.	20 815	20 821	21 037
Higher Education	No.	20 320	20 723	20 202
TAFE	No.	18 103	16 957	n.y.a.

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**WELFARE SERVICES**

		1992	1993	1994
Pensioners at 30 June				
Age (incl. wives/carers' pensioners)	No.	10 345	11 040	11 850
Invalid (incl. wives/carers' pensioners)	No.	3 548	3 890	4 332
Widowed persons or Widows	No.	802	772	736
Sole parent	No.	4 023	4 111	4 482
Basic Family Payment	No.	62 037	62 286	55 186
Job Search and New Start Allowance	No.	7 144	8 867	9 583

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